



REPLY TO
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Risk Management and Risk Decision Authority for the US Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker

1. In accordance with TRADOC Regulation 385-2, 19 December 2007, risk decision authority for all extremely high-risk activities resides with the senior mission commander of general officer grade. I delegate risk decision authority as follows:
 - a. High risk – 06 level commanders or directors.
 - b. Moderate risk – 05 level commanders or division chiefs, commandant of the Noncommissioned Officer Academy, and FLATIRON commander.
 - c. Low risk – company commanders, branch chiefs, and SERE-C Detachment commander; only company commanders may further delegate low risk approval to platoon leaders when necessary for mission accomplishment.
2. After application of the appropriate control measures, the residual risk of moderate or higher will be briefed one level up the chain of command from the risk decision authority. The Aviation Branch Safety Office (ABSO) will review all high and extremely high risk assessments prior to the Chief of Staff being briefed on mission execution by the risk decision authority. All requests for mission approval of extremely high-risk missions will include the rationale or need for acceptance along with the risk assessment. The ABSO is available to assist risk decision authorities with any risk decision process.
3. Non-TRADOC activities will ensure they are in compliance with their MACOM's risk management policy and will have approval from the appropriate USAACE and Fort Rucker decision authority on any high-risk missions.
4. This memorandum supersedes Policy Memo 08-04, 28 May 2008, and will expire one year from date of publication.
5. "Above the Best"

/SIGNED/
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